

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE**Board of Management Meeting of 10 December 2025****Student Association Priorities Update****Report by Student Association President****1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of the Student Association (SA) this session and give an overview of future priorities and plans.

**2. Update on Activity****Class Representatives**

Almost all full-time classes now have Class Representatives in place. A total of 85 Class Representatives received training delivered by the Learner Engagement Officer across eight face-to-face sessions, with an additional online session provided. Meetings were also held with ESOL Class Representatives. The Class Rep Handbook was updated and distributed to all representatives. The first Student Association meeting took place on 05 November 2025 and was well attended. Issues raised by students were actioned by the President, and all future meetings will be recorded for reference.

Student Executive Committee

Volunteers have been recruited to join the Student Executive Committee alongside the Student Presidents. The committee plays a vital role in influencing positive change across the college and ensuring that the views of our diverse student community are represented in decision-making. The Executive Officer roles include Vice President, Campaigns Officer, Equality and Diversity Officer, Women's Officer, LGBTQ+ Officer, ESOL & International Officer, Care Experienced Officer, and Media and Communications Officer. Meetings have been scheduled, and members will receive support from college staff and the Student Association.

Halloween Hamper

In October, the Student Association organised a Halloween hamper fundraiser, raising £127.55. These funds will help stock the student foodbank throughout December.

Celebrating Diversity

The Student Association actively promotes equality and inclusion throughout the year. Events supported include Bi-Visibility Day, Black History Month, Transgender Awareness Week, 16

Days of Action, and Mental Health Awareness Month. The SA remains committed to supporting diversity not only during these events but throughout the academic year.

Campus Wardrobe/Food Pantry

The Campus Wardrobe initiative, launched in 2024–25, has grown significantly, with increasing daily use and steady donations. The project has now expanded to other campuses, providing essential support to students.

Since 27th October, we've started tracking usage of our community support services, and here's what we've achieved so far:

Food Pantry

- Around 10 people each week have used the food bank
- That's a total of 42 students supported so far

Clothing Swap Shop

- 32 donations received from students and lecturers
- 53 students have taken clothes to give them a new home

We're proud of the impact this is making, and we're not stopping here. We're now in the process of registering with Glasgow City Council as a recognised food bank, which will help us bring in more donations and support even more students.

Parliamentary Visit

Maureen Burke, MP for Glasgow Northeast, visited the College Freshers' event at Easterhouse Campus. Following discussions, a student visit to Parliament in London was arranged on 18 November, attended by 10 students and two staff members, including the SA President. Students enjoyed a tour of Parliament and a Q&A session with MP Maureen Burke, which was a valuable and memorable experience.

Meet the Managers

A Block 1 'Meet the Managers' event was organised for Tuesday 7 October. The Student Association organised this event to provide Class Reps with an important opportunity to meet college Senior Managers in a live discussion about students' experience of the college.

Panelist management included:

- Robin Ashton – Vice Principal, Curriculum and Quality Enhancement
- Jeanette Evans – Vice Principal, Operations
- Michelle Harding – Head of Digital and ICT Operations
- Claire Reid – Head of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability
- Lisa Clark – Director of Estates and Corporate Services
- Alastair McGhee – Director of Student Experience and Enterprise

This was an opportunity for Class Reps to raise any issues from students, and for the college management to provide responses and agree actions directly to students. Many actions from

this event have already been shared back with Class Reps in the format of a 'You Said, We Did'.

Student Mental Health Agreement

The 2023-25 Student Mental Health Agreement, in partnership with NUS Think Positive, come to an end and the College and Student Association were given their certificate after completing the evaluation form from Think Positive. Discussions are complete for the review and update of the 2025-27 agreement. The draft will be taken to SLT on Tuesday 16 December for their approval. Once approved it will go to Marketing and be signed off by the Principal and Student President, with a view for a January launch (date TBC).

Student's Association Constitution (appendix 1)

The Student Association Constitution is due for review and approval by the Board of Management. The updated version is attached to this report as Appendix 1. In preparing this revision, the Student Association undertook a comparison with constitutions from other colleges, reviewed and refreshed the content, and refined the language to ensure it is more accessible and user-friendly for our students. The constitution has also been updated to better reflect the current activity and operational practices of the Association. The revised constitution has been reviewed and endorsed by the Student Association Executive prior to its submission to the Board of Management. It is proposed that, going forward, the constitution will be reviewed again on a two-yearly basis.

Priorities/Next Steps

Winter Festival

The Winter Festival will take place during the first two weeks of December. Activities will include fundraising for the foodbank, promoting the Campus Wardrobe, and distributing pre-loved toys to students in need. The event will feature contributions from college departments such as Support for Learning and Beauty, as well as external organisations including Breaking Cycles, Mind and Draw, and Talking is Mental.

Meet the Managers

A Block 2 'Meet the Managers' event is scheduled for Wednesday 21 January. This event will provide Class Representatives with another opportunity to meet senior managers and discuss students' experiences.

Community Partners and Campaigns

We will continue to meet with community partners to develop our main priorities including: Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing and Gender-Based Violence. We plan to run many campaigns throughout the year, such as Stress Awareness, LGBTQIA+ awareness, 16 Days of Action to eliminate violence against women and girls and any issues that the students would like to campaign on.

Ongoing SA Awareness Raising

The Student Association will continue to raise its profile across all campuses through new promotional materials and regular updates on campus TV screens.

3. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

4. Impact on Students

This report highlights the opportunities for better student engagement and the positive impacts on students by supporting them to improve their experience at college, creating opportunities to further develop and gain new skills and experiences.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the College is supporting the Student Association to engage with learners and participate in life and work of the College.

6. Equality

There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

7. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report.

8. Environmental and Sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

9. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.
Members are requested to review and approve the attached updated SA Constitution.

10. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Jon Craig, President of Welfare, Community & Sustainability.

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